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SUBJECT: NATIONWIDE GASOLINE SHORTAGE AND IMPACT ON USICA PROGRAMMING

REF: ACCRA 4973-C

1. GHANA APPEARS HEADED FOR UNPRECEDENTED SHORTAGE OF  
MOTOR FUEL (SEE REFTEL). WE ESTIMATE FUEL SUPPLIES AT  
SERVICE STATIONS WILL BE DEPLETED WITHIN FEW DAYS. EMBASSY/  
USICA SUPPLY ALSO IS THREATENED AND MISSION HAS INSTITUTED  
SEVERE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS. WE ARE UNCERTAIN OF DURATION  
OF FUEL SHORTAGE BUT FEAR IT MAY LAST SEVERAL WEEKS.

2. USICA'S CONSERVATION PLAN INCLUDES MOTOR POOL  
ARRANGEMENTS TO OFFICER'S RESIDENCES AND BROWN BAG  
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LUNCHES AT OFFICE. IN VIEW OF DIMINISHING NUMBER OF  
TAXIS AND PUBLIC BUSES, WE ARE FURTHER CONSIDERING MOTOR  
POOLS TO BRING IN ESSENTIAL FSL'S EACH DAY. ALL NON-  
ESSENTIAL TRAVEL IN ACCRA HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AND VIRTUALLY  
ALL USICA TRAVEL OUT OF ACCRA IS PROHIBITED SINCE UP-  
COUNTRY FUEL IS VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT.

3. IMPACT OF SHORTAGE SO FAR HAS REQUIRED VOA  
CORRESPONDENT LEE NICHOLS TO ELIMINATE INTERVIEWS PLANNED  
OUTSIDE OF ACCRA. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FULLY  
FACILITATE RESEARCH PROJECT OF PROFESSOR ROBERT LINDSAY  
AND WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE PROGRAMMING OF PROFESSOR TRAVIS  
JUNE 23 - 28.

4. IN VIEW SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM, POST URGES AGENCY TO  
ELIMINATE NON-ESSENTIAL VISITOR TRAVEL TO GHANA UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE. NEVERTHELESS, POST DOES WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE  
OF GOOD PROGRAMMING OFFERS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. SPEAKERS  
AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING IN ACCRA WILL BE WELCOME BUT MUST  
UNDERSTAND LIMITATIONS TO SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING.

5. ECA IS REQUESTED TO INFORM UNOFFICIAL VISITORS  
PLANNING TRIPS TO GHANA OF SEVERE SITUATION HERE WHICH  
WITHIN FEW DAYS WILL MAKE TRAVEL VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE,  
EVEN WITHIN ACCRA.

6. POST WILL INFORM AGENCY IMMEDIATELY WHEN EMERGENCY  
IS OVER. MOORE

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